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ACTIVITY: Rod Blagojevich home line incoming call.
SESSION: 375

SPEAKERS:

BLAGOJEVICH: Rod Blagojevich
SCOFIELD: Doug Scofield
P. BLAGOJEVICH Patti Blagojevich

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1 BLAGOJEVICH: Hey.
2 SCOFIELD: Hello.
3 BLAGOJEVICH: Hey. Hey. So, they want to get out of
4 Chicago politics is a euphemism for, they
5 want to get away from Rezko.
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7 SCOFIELD: Oh yeah, I, yeah, I agree with that.
8 BLAGOJEVICH: Huh?
9 SCOFIELD: Yeah, I agree with that.
10 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, I'm gonna tell you something...
11 SCOFIELD: I mean I think it's true, generally they
12 don't want to make any deals at all of any
13 kind. But, yeah, no that's, yeah, it's
14 Rezko. Yeah, I think that's right.
15 BLAGOJEVICH: Well, I tell you something. I think this
16 is good, you know, a highly unlikely
17 prospect is a little likelier, a tiny bit
18 likelier. That's how I'm reading this.
19 SCOFIELD: Yeah, I, look it all starts with, if they
20 don't want it then there's nothing to talk
21 about. As long as we know they want it
22 then...
23 BLAGOJEVICH: She wants it. She's that t-, in the
24 transition. They're starting to put,
25 figure out Cabinet positions, now she
26 aught a, I, I assume Balanoff mentioned

1 this, right? Health and Human Services?
2 Huh?

3 SCOFIELD: Assume what?

4 BLAGOJEVICH: He mentioned Health and Human Services,
5 right?

6 SCOFIELD: I, as far as I could tell.

7 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, sure.

8 SCOFIELD I, I...

9 BLAGOJEVICH Of course he, of course he did. So now
10 she's there and they're sortin' out
11 Cabinet positions and stuff. If you're
12 her and you really want to be a U.S.
13 senator and you've been told you can be
14 that if he gets this. You're holding this
15 woman back.

16 SCOFIELD: I, I think so.

17 BLAGOJEVICH: Huh?

18 SCOFIELD: She's a player, she's one of the co-
19 chairs...

20 BLAGOJEVICH: She's one of the co-chairs, she's driving
21 it. That'd be like Lon wanting to be a
22 senator and then him holdin' back on some
23 of these things before he comes to me and,
24 you know, whatever he does. You know what
25 I'm sayin'?

26 SCOFIELD: Yeah, I agree.

27 BLAGOJEVICH: You know, and maybe we can work this out
28 and give him less or whatever. We can s-,
29 sort something out but I'm, I'm... I
30 know my path to be a U.S. senator, it's,
31 there it is, he's, the guy will do it...

32 SCOFIELD: Yeah, no, I don't, I don't put it on the
33 top of my list to fill.

34 BLAGOJEVICH: Maybe they'll fill it, rush and try to

1 say, oh I'm sorry it's gone already.
2 But, uh, if I'm her I ain't doin' it.

3 SCOFIELD: No, no. If I'm her I'd, I'd play this
4 out a little bit. Well Jerry just
5 called me back and, uh, I was, uh, maybe
6 I was still on the phone with you to
7 say, hey, Tom could meet today.

8 BLAGOJEVICH: I know and Alexi's making a run at us
9 today. He's comin', he wants to see
10 Harris today about this.

11 SCOFIELD: Uh, interesting, interesting. Yeah,
12 interesting. And Rahm will, too.

13 BLAGOJEVICH: No doubt.

14 SCOFIELD: Look, we'll have more than one line of
15 communication before we're done. Well,
16 it will be an interesting conversation
17 with Alexi.

18 BLAGOJEVICH: I told Harris not to take the meeting.

19 SCOFIELD: Yeah, let him wait a little bit.

20 BLAGOJEVICH: Let him wait.

21 SCOFIELD: That's, I think we, yeah, let him wait.
22 See Tom in the middle of next week.

23 BLAGOJEVICH: Let it bubble over the weekend, let him
24 bubble, let it bubble over the weekend.
25 Okay?

26 SCOFIELD: Yeah.

27 BLAGOJEVICH: And then the tactical question is,
28 Harris goes to Mosen, who's real close
29 to Valerie Jarrett, close friend.

30 SCOFIELD: Yeah.

31 BLAGOJEVICH: Okay. And just tells Mosen look, you
32 know, tell her she could be the senator,
33 she can, the governor could appoint her.

1 SCOFIELD: Yeah, at the right time.

2 BLAGOJEVICH: Under the right, certain conditions.

3 SCOFIELD: Yeah, I, I wouldn't let it go too much
4 more than the middle of next week
5 because they're, they're gonna move on
6 stuff but...

7 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, well I'll meet with them but I'm,
8 I'm not gonna make any decisions, by any
9 means.

10 SCOFIELD: Right, right, no, no, I understand. I
11 mean for the meeting.

12 BLAGOJEVICH: Mm-hmm. No, fortunately Tom's out of
13 town till what? Next Monday, Tuesday?
14 So we'll try to set something...

15 SCOFIELD: He's out of town Monday, Tuesday.

16 BLAGOJEVICH: Good. So we'll try and do something
17 Wednesday.

18 SCOFIELD: I think that's good.

19 BLAGOJEVICH: And we'll keep running from people
20 unless, you know, Rahm at some point
21 will reach out, maybe even today.
22 Right?

23 SCOFIELD: Yeah, uh, Rahm might and I think you
24 hear Rahm out. See what Rahm has to
25 say. * * * * *

26 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, wants out of Chicago politics?
27 Rezko, yeah.

28 SCOFIELD: Yeah, I agree.

29 BLAGOJEVICH: You may want to get out of Chicago
30 politics but I, I subscribe to this, you
31 know, misery loves company.

32 SCOFIELD: (Laughs)

33 BLAGOJEVICH: You're leaving me alone here. I want to

1 go with you over there.

2 SCOFIELD: Yeah, yeah, tryin' to (UI) out of
3 Chicago politics.

4 BLAGOJEVICH: (Laughs)

5 SCOFIELD: And I'll come along.

6 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, I mean you're gonna leave me here
7 with Rezko. I want to be with you over
8 there. Yeah.

9 SCOFIELD: Right. Right. Tony's lonely. You say
10 ah, no, no, no, I got to come with you.

11 BLAGOJEVICH: (To background:) What Patti?

12 P. BLAGOJEVICH: And by putting you in the seat, makes it
13 look like it's for the best (UI) because
14 they're not gonna be goin' after
15 somebody that doesn't want (UI).

16 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, hey, Harris gave me this chilling
17 thought. What if they want to put Lisa
18 as deputy attorney general?

19 SCOFIELD: Yeah, that, see, I don't know what Lisa
20 would take. I mean they'd have to give
21 her something with significance.

22 BLAGOJEVICH: Okay, so now that she's that and she's
23 fuckin' pushin' this Rezko shit on me.

24 SCOFIELD: Yeah.

25 BLAGOJEVICH: Okay, what is the, hey thanks for a
26 fuckin', thanks for the help asshole.

27 SCOFIELD: Yeah, no, I agree.

28 BLAGOJEVICH: What kind of a fuckin' ridiculous thing
29 send her to the Cabinet. Send Mike
30 Madigan to the Cabinet, that's a
31 different deal.

32 SCOFIELD: Yeah...

1 P. BLAGOJEVICH (UI).
2 SCOFIELD ...yeah, I'm sure Madigan would love
3 D.C.
4 BLAGOJEVICH: Well, she wants it and they want to help
5 her get it. Right?
6 SCOFIELD: Yeah, we'll see. Well I, I bet I'll
7 hear from Tom today. As soon as I do I,
8 I'll give you a call.
9 BLAGOJEVICH: So how you gonna handle it? What will
10 you tell him? He's gonna, he might call
11 me at home and I gotta be away, I can't
12 be near this phone.
13 SCOFIELD: Uh, yeah, I would, well I don't think he
14 will but, I'll, I'll just tell him, you
15 know, I haven't gotten to him yet
16 (UI)...
17 BLAGOJEVICH: Well, he said I might call you over the
18 weekend. Can I call you at home? And I
19 said, of course.
20 SCOFIELD: Okay. Well....
21 BLAGOJEVICH: He said that...
22 SCOFIELD: Uh, you know, give me a couple hours
23 here and I'll just tell him hey, it
24 looks like uh, he's gonna be traveling
25 over the weekend. Let's set a time for
26 next week...
27 BLAGOJEVICH: Well not over, don't say I'm traveling
28 over the weekend. That, that won't be,
29 don't do that because that, that's not
30 truthful and...
31 SCOFIELD: Alright.
32 BLAGOJEVICH: If, if he calls me over the weekend, he
33 can't meet with me, right?
34 SCOFIELD: Yeah.

1 BLAGOJEVICH: Huh? I, I just want to avoid a meeting.

2 SCOFIELD: Well, if you want to talk to him you can
3 talk to him a little bit. I'll, yeah,
4 I'll just say he's not available. He
5 can't meet over the weekend let's do it
6 Wednesday.

7 BLAGOJEVICH: Well, is he gonna ask to meet over the
8 weekend?

9 SCOFIELD: What's that?

10 BLAGOJEVICH: Is he gonna ask to meet over the
11 weekend?

12 SCOFIELD: No, I don't think he'll call you at
13 home. Once I tell Jerry here's what's
14 up, he'll be fine, they'll be fine with
15 a meeting next week.

16 BLAGOJEVICH: Okay. You get, you know how to handle
17 that then, right?

18 SCOFIELD: Yeah, no, they'll be okay. Yeah,
19 they'll be alright.

20 BLAGOJEVICH: Well he didn't say it was ludicrous.
21 They didn't say no way.

22 SCOFIELD: No.

23 BLAGOJEVICH: Right?

24 SCOFIELD: Not that, not that, that's not what
25 Jerry told me.

26 BLAGOJEVICH: Yeah, well maybe he doesn't know, right?

27 SCOFIELD: Yeah, I, I don't have, yeah, I don't
28 have all the story, 'cause I don't have
29 it firsthand.

30 BLAGOJEVICH: They can't, I don't know, if they say no
31 way I mean maybe their, their only
32 answer there would be, oh, we promised
33 it to somebody else. That's how they'd
34 have to do that.

1 SCOFIELD: Uh, yeah, that's right. Which I don't
2 think they have but....

3 BLAGOJEVICH: We got, we got a lot of options here,
4 man. She's uh, she's pickin' Cabinet
5 positions and she has it in her power,
6 well not her power but she has a
7 tremendous amount of influence on those,
8 some of those decisions. You agree with
9 that?

10 SCOFIELD: Oh, very much so.

11 BLAGOJEVICH: So she's holding Health and Human
12 Services and I'm holding a U.S. Senate
13 seat. Okay? She's holding hers with
14 two hands, just kind'a clinging to, you
15 know, little pieces of it. Me, I've got
16 the whole thing wrapped around my arms,
17 mine, okay?

18 SCOFIELD: Right.

19 BLAGOJEVICH: I'm willing to trade the thing I got
20 tightly held, to her for something she
21 doesn't hold quite as tightly. How bad
22 do you want what I have and can you get
23 the other person who's really got the,
24 this, you know, who's, who had that, to
25 do it. If you're her, you're Valerie
26 Jarrett, I could be a U.S. senator and a
27 seat I, I can hold.

28 SCOFIELD: Yeah. (UI) probably forever, yeah.

29 BLAGOJEVICH: Huh? That guy's holding it by himself
30 and now I know he's willing to give it
31 to me if he gets somethin' I have, I'm
32 hold-, and I'm holding to some extent,
33 right? If you're her, what do you
34 think?

35 SCOFIELD: It's awfully hard. You want to figure
36 out a way to get it done if you're her.

37 BLAGOJEVICH: That's what I'm thinkin'. Gotta think I
38 can at least be ambassador to Macedonia
39 now.

1 (LAUGHTER)

2 SCOFIELD: Sure, there's a lot of, lot of
3 interesting countries in the world.

4 BLAGOJEVICH: Alright, so you'll try to slow walk this
5 a little bit and...

6 SCOFIELD: Yeah, no, I think it, I think it will be
7 okay.

8 BLAGOJEVICH: Alright, well keep me posted.

9 SCOFIELD: Okay, now as soon as I hear something
10 I'll let you know.

11 BLAGOJEVICH: Alright, Doug.

12 SCOFIELD: Okay.

13 BLAGOJEVICH: Bye.